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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY JUNE 8, 2004

This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for June 8, 2004. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

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Cumhuriyet / In Diyarbakir, more than 400 thousand people enjoyed the concert organized for the closing of the Diyarbakir Art and Culture Festival. Goran Bregovic and Koma Azat were honorary performers at the festival.

Milli Gazete / Ali Gobelek, who was accused of killing five people in Germany, and later arrested in Adana and put in prison, committed suicide in the prison.

Turkiye / Customs Officers found 300 tons of wheat, which was a part of the 700 tons to be destroyed due to damage while in shipment. Ten people were detained in connection with the incident.

Evrensel / During a clash with PKK/KONGRA-GEL in Yayladere, Bingol province, four Turkish soldiers were wounded.

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